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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/618,848, filed on July 15, 2003, which is a Continuation of Application No. 09/804,418, filed on March 13, 2001, which is a Continuation of International Application No. PCT/IE99/00127, filed on December 1, 1999. This application claims the foreign priority of Ireland Application No. 980999, filed on December 1, 1998, Ireland Application No. 990107, filed on February 15, 1999, Ireland Application No. 990108, filed on February 15, 1999, Ireland Application No. 990110, filed February 15, 1999, Ireland Application No. 990112, filed

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2. Drawings - 7 sheets of drawings containing 7 figures.
3. Preliminary Amendment.

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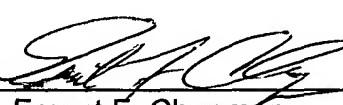
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